

COVID-19 Compliance Survey Results

137 total responses

98 qualifying responses from those who worked on campus

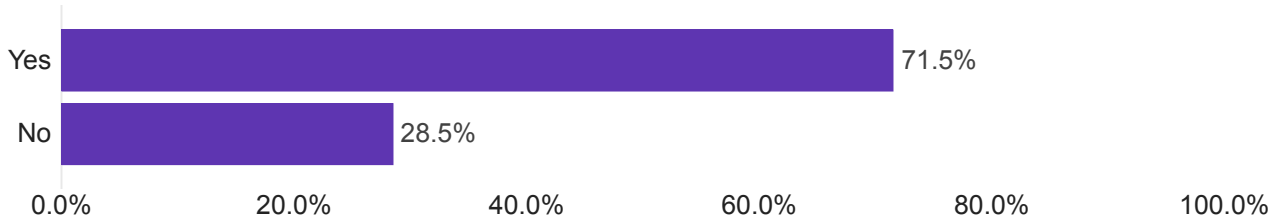
Survey administered 02/22-02/24



Over the last two weeks, have you worked on campus?

137 Responses

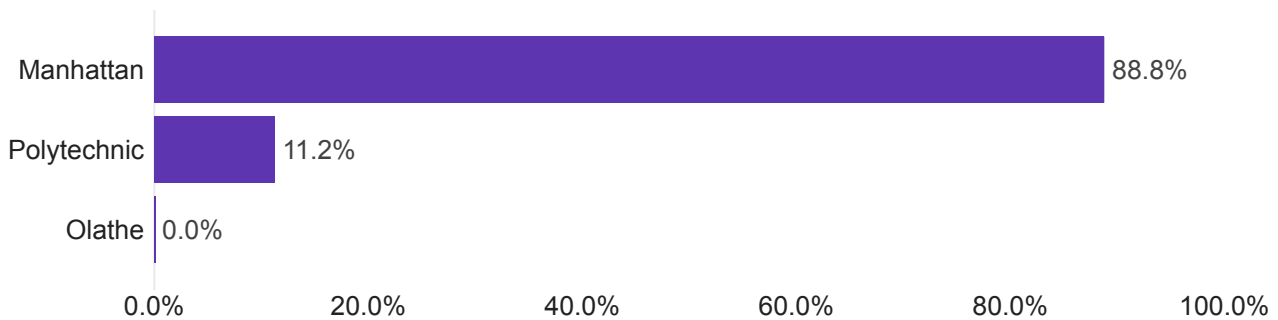
| Field | Percentage |
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| Yes | 71.5% |
| No | 28.5% |



On what campus are you primarily located?

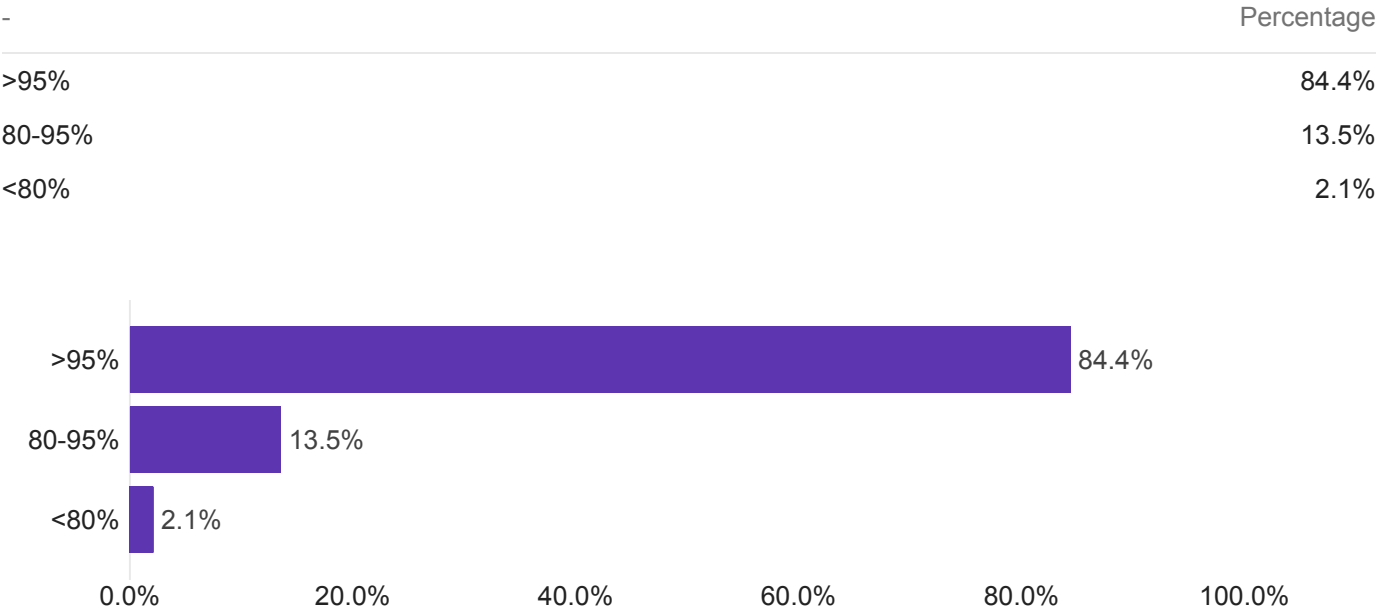
98 Responses

| - | Percentage |
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| Manhattan | 88.8% |
| Polytechnic | 11.2% |
| Olathe | 0.0% |



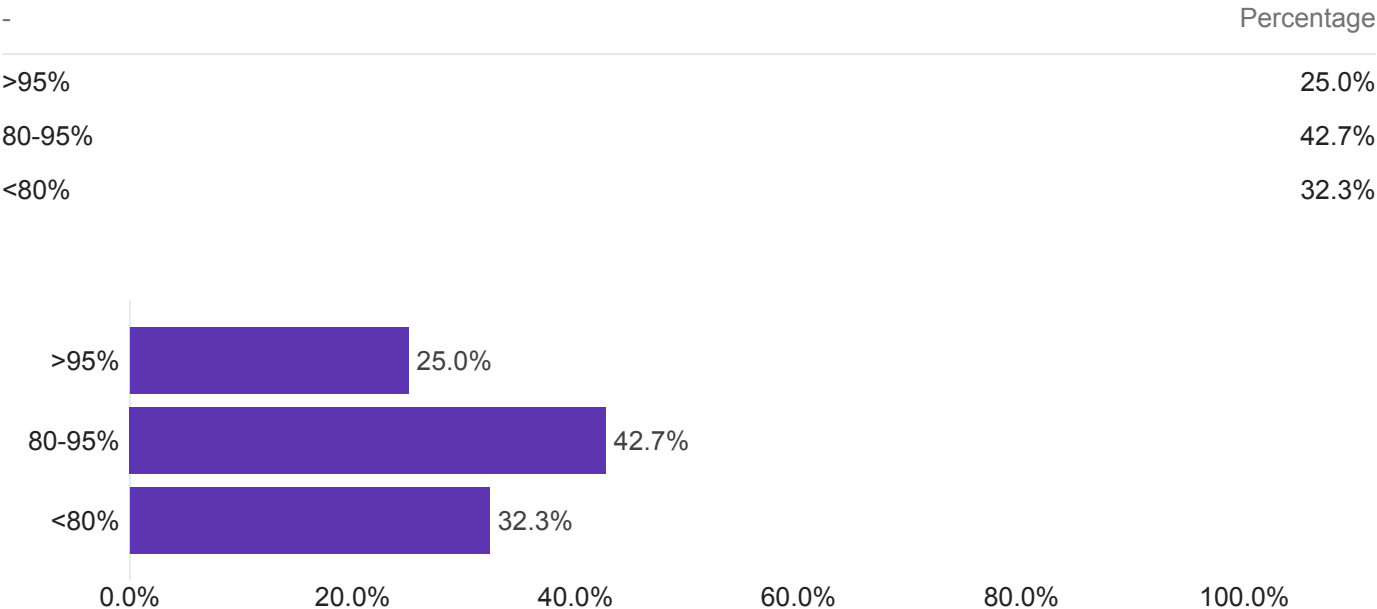
1. Approximately what percentage of students, faculty, and staff have you observed wearing face coverings inside campus buildings and classrooms?

96 Responses



2. Approximately what percentage of students, faculty, and staff have you observed wearing face coverings outside while on campus?

96 Responses



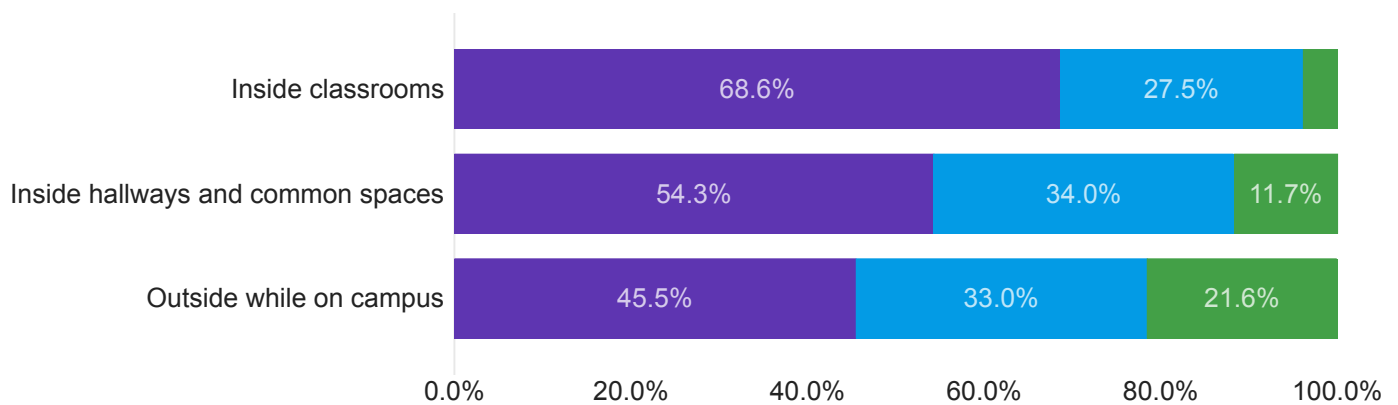
3. Based on your observations, have faculty, staff, and students adhered to 6-foot social distancing requirements in the following situations?

96 Responses

| | Yes, for the most part | Somewhat | No, for the most part | Can't judge |
|--|------------------------|----------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Inside classrooms | 36.5% | 14.6% | 2.1% | 46.9% |
| Inside building hallways and other common spaces | 53.1% | 33.3% | 11.5% | 2.1% |
| Outside while on campus | 41.7% | 30.2% | 19.8% | 8.3% |

Chart below excludes Can't Judge

● Yes, for the most part
 ● Somewhat
 ● No, for the most part



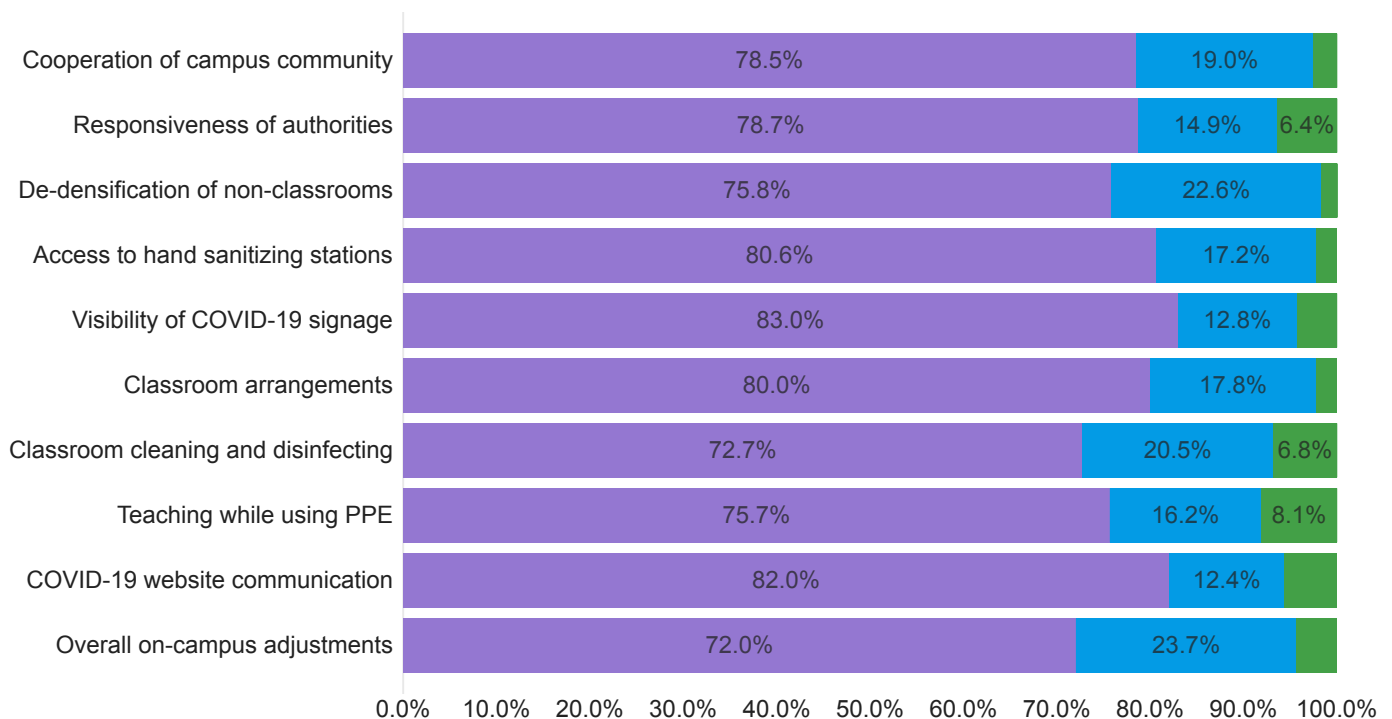
4. From your perspective, what has gone well or not gone well in the past two weeks regarding COVID-19 protocols and compliance?

96 Responses

| Field | Has Gone Well | Some Issues | Has Not Gone Well | Can't Judge |
|--|---------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Cooperation of campus community members when asked to comply with policies | 64.6% | 15.6% | 2.1% | 17.7% |
| Responsiveness of applicable authorities when issues arise | 38.9% | 7.4% | 3.2% | 50.5% |
| De-densification of non-classroom spaces in campus buildings | 49.0% | 14.6% | 1.0% | 35.4% |
| Access to hand sanitizing stations | 78.1% | 16.7% | 2.1% | 3.1% |
| Visibility of COVID-19 signage | 81.3% | 12.5% | 4.2% | 2.1% |
| Classroom arrangements for social distancing | 37.9% | 8.4% | 1.1% | 52.6% |
| Classroom cleaning and disinfecting | 34.0% | 9.6% | 3.2% | 53.2% |
| Teaching while using personal protective equipment | 29.2% | 6.3% | 3.1% | 61.5% |
| Communication provided through the COVID-19 website | 76.0% | 11.5% | 5.2% | 7.3% |
| Overall on-campus adjustments for COVID-19 | 69.8% | 22.9% | 4.2% | 3.1% |

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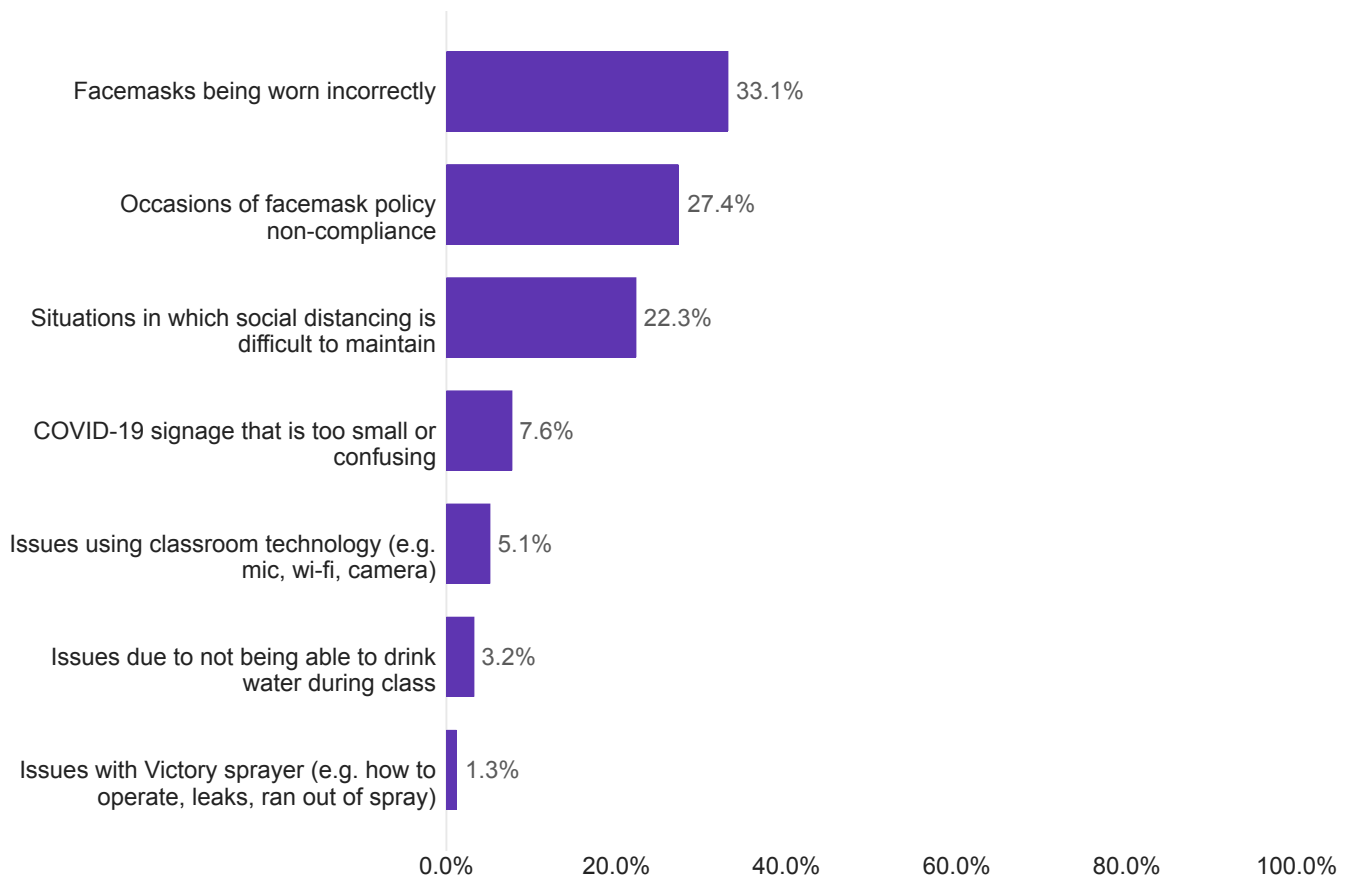
● Has Gone Well ● Some Issues ● Has Not Gone Well



5. From your perspective, which of following specific issues have you observed or experienced in the past two weeks while working on campus? (select all that apply)

73 Responses

| | Percentage of Choices |
|--|-----------------------|
| Facemasks being worn incorrectly | 33.1% |
| Occasions of facemask policy non-compliance | 27.4% |
| Situations in which social distancing is difficult to maintain | 22.3% |
| Issues due to not being able to drink water during class | 3.2% |
| COVID-19 signage that is too small or confusing | 7.6% |
| Issues using classroom technology (e.g. mic, wi-fi, camera) | 5.1% |
| Issues with Victory sprayer (e.g. how to operate, leaks, ran out of spray) | 1.3% |



K-State COVID-19 Compliance Survey Results - Comments

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1a. Further comments about face covering compliance inside buildings and classrooms

No one happy

None

I think facility workers do not seem to have access to PPE. I have seen facility workers with really old one-use masks, which is obviously not their responsibility to replace.

Most are not wearing face coverings correctly. Usually just under the nose. A lot seem to think that they have to take it off or pull it away from their face to talk

I work in Dykstra Hall and don't get out on campus so my response is based on what I see in this building.

It's concerning to read that some employees are still against the usage of masks this late into the pandemic. There are at least a couple people who reply to these surveys each time that are vehemently against mask usage, and I find it extremely ironic that these people work in a university. Shame on them. They should know better.

`20% do not cover nose

In the building where I work the department head encourages removal of face coverings for people who have had COVID-19 if the safety officer is not around to see it.

100 % necessary

Compliance has been good other than people from athletics coming to play basketball in Ahearn gym and not wearing masks.

More students seem to be wearing masks in the building now, even when they are studying by themselves in the building, now that there is more traffic.

Work in the CVM where it's strongly enforced, however, construction crew members often aren't wearing masks.

Find many students not wearing one in individual study rooms despite signs that say to wear masks

Compliance is usually around 90%. I often see people walk maskless into a building, then put on the mask once they enter the building.

Those that work together often don't tend to wear masks when around each other.

Some are doing the double mask which is great!

Everyone seems to be following the guidelines

Have seen several more in last two weeks than ever not wearing mask in building or not wearing properly than ever before.

i was in bushnell working to clean out a lab after it flooded, and had to ask maintenance staff to put on masks multiple times

I am a staff employee and work in a secured office environment and have limited exposure to main campus. Covid compliance has been respectfully practiced.

high compliance

everyone is wearing face covering inside buildings.

I can't remember seeing anyone indoors without one

Have i yet to see any construction workers wear masks inside building even when told to

Still see frequent violations in study rooms in Hale. Contractors continued to be some of the worst offenders outside of study rooms.

I work in a building with no students.

Face coverings are unnecessary based on many randomized controlled trials completed long before COVID. They all come to the same conclusions: No statistically significant difference in transmission in influenza like illnesses whether a mask is worn or not. That's actual science versus someone just telling you to wear one saying it helps because some "expert" told them.

I am in the college of engineering and walk the engg building complex a couple of times each day. While the majority of students wear face coverings, I always encounter one or two each day at one of our study tables without their mask on. Most comply and do not say anything. One, in particular, was very belligerent. I think that it would help for the campus to continue to remind studnts of the policy, but also to reinforce the positive benefits of wearing masks for our community.

Students are loose with mask wearing--not fully covering nose; removing masks to drink in class, etc.

I do see some students pull down their face masks inside buildings when no one is around. For instance, one pulled down their mask to talk to a friend over video chat and I had to remind her to pull her mask up.

2a. Further comments about face covering compliance outside while on campus

With appropriate distancing, masks should not be mandated outside.

No one is happy

None

People walking alone are not required to wear a face covering.

I have notice that contractors aren't wearing face coverings. But I'm not sure they are required to?

Depending on social distance

I've just seen a few without masks, but they have been walking by themselves and not around others.

Those who didn't have face coverings on were not close to other individuals

Always interesting to see the mix of students with and without mask walking on the side walks.

Worn if people walking in groups

I've also noticed people on campus tours not wearing masks.

People that are totally alone and in heavy winds don't always seem to have a face cover on.

I've seen only a few people, in groups, without face masks.

My timing of being outside was not during passing periods and there were very few individuals so keeping the 6 foot distance was not difficult.

fine!

Being outside, students don't always have a mask on. They could be alone and still not have one on. I do think if we're alone outside, masks should not have to be worn. This is a county policy.

Once again my exposure to students and others is very limited because I do not mingle outside of our offices unless I have too, which is very infrequent.

Less than 80% but still a really high proportion. I'm rarely in outdoor spaces with a lot of dense traffic, though, because I work primarily in Jardine.

I work at a remote, off-campus building with a handful of staff (5) and no students.

Seriously ridiculous mandating masks to be worn anywhere outside even in more crowded areas. Masks should be worn only if someone feels like it is necessary for their own personal safety. As of now the infection fatality rate is 0.4% for anyone under 70. Crazy to think we have these draconian measures in place for a disease of such low consequence for the majority of people.

I periodically will see a couple of campus facilities persons outside and working together w/o masks. Once in a while I will still see a couple as well riding in a gator together w/o a mask.

Students seem to have abandoned this habit almost altogether.

We need something lower than 80%, face covering are worn outside by less than 50% of students

3a. Further comments about 6-foot social distancing compliance

People are sad

Our department is required to attend in person a weekly staff meeting in a conference room that is too small to allow 6 foot distancing. These meetings normally last over an hour. It is strange that some departments are allowed to work remotely and others, are required to work on campus even though we have the ability to work remotely.

None

The hallways are sometimes too small to maintain 6-feet.

Good way to not get the virus

Most rooms with signs of max capacity for COVID are often not followed (way more than allowed); in many cases it's really not feasible in the hospital but other cases there is ample room to spread out but members sitting close together (but always wearing mask).

Good from what can be seen

The 6-foot distancing compliance is much worse than the mask-wearing compliance.

People are staying away from each other. If they forget, they get apart quickly.

Like the mask I have seen several groups sitting or standing huddled up in atrium and hallways in last two weeks than before.

Social distancing is difficult to adhere to if you have a campus visit with 3 guests and 1 admissions rep in a small office.

I work at a remote, off-campus building with a handful of staff (5) and no students.

It's a ridiculous draconian measure that is completely made up with no scientific reasoning behind it. If you're ill, one will naturally social distance because they will stay at home. Otherwise, I find it completely unnecessary.

Most faculty and staff follow this. Many students do not.

There is a class near me in Bluemont 118 or 119 on TuTh around 9:30am. First day of in-person classes, they were making a terrible racket. I had to go over and ask them to keep it down. When I opened the door, I saw many students conversing with one another in close proximity--within 1 to 3 feet. I have not stepped inside that class since then but they have continued to be noisy. Further, there is often the sound of furniture moving, which makes me think that social distancing is pretty well ignored.

4a. Further comments on what has gone well regarding COVID-19 protocols and compliance

I really appreciate the highly visible signs outside of Polytechnic buildings making clear the indoor and outdoor face mask expectations.

People are doing what they are told, even if sometimes it makes no sense.

None

For me in my job, I use the COVID-19 website daily and have found it helpful. Sometimes I have a difficult time finding the info I am needing but that doesn't happen all that often.

I would say a majority of the faculty and staff are following guidelines well.

The hand sanitizing stations are kept supplied.

Students wearing the mask in the Dining Center

Students and faculty/staff are doing a great job.

Visibility of signage is at a good height, but there is almost too much signage that it is overwhelming

Most people are wearing masks in the buildings.

I think the campus has adjusted to this well and we can easily go another year or so.

Masking is almost 100% for our campus. I'm sure there are some not wearing masks but I have not observed them.

Most policies working very well. Most of the campus community understands and supports this. Classrooms are working. I hope that we can increase classroom density in the Fall - even if we still need to wear masks.

4b. Further comments on what has not gone well regarding COVID-19 protocols and compliance

None

Some employees seem to still not understand the benefits of wearing masks, and are somehow AGAINST mask usage at this point. I think that is a failure on our university, because as an academic center we should be spreading knowledge and understanding to all of our employees. The question of mask effectiveness has been answered for most long ago, but somehow there are some out there who either are unaware of, or deny the

research that's been done. It's concerning, and perhaps it shows why we have had to endure the pandemic for so long.

I have not observed repeated situations of COVID-19 protocols & compliance not going well.

I don't like the rule of groups of four at the tables

Some from athletics seem to think the guidelines do not apply to them. This includes both staff members and athletes.

Hand sanitizers are often out or low and not replaced for a few days

Most people do not social distance inside or outside and lots of people do not wear masks on campus.

It was a little hard to breath for 50 min while teaching, but I did it.

Certain faculty members disregard for covid protocol compliance when it inconveniences them. passive encouragement for students to not follow protocols.

Social distancing outside. Even though masks are being worn, students are still walking together in closer proximity.

why am i still asking maintenance staff to put on masks and not stand close to me?

Students are still struggling to understand what is expected of them in the classroom. When they're supposed to be physically in class or if they're meeting virtually. More communication might be necessary from instructors.

hand-sanitizer stations have not been refilled for x-amount of days

There is now known unwritten rules in the College of Engineering where preferential treatment is given to faculty and staff that work on-campus and in-person. The leadership in the College of Engineering does not communicate at all with the faculty and staff, annual evaluations have been affected with the threat of being fired if you work from home, and tenure track faculty are overworked. It's sad when we a dean, multiple associate deans and assistant deans that cannot understand how to run a college without running it into the ground. Tell us the TRUTH.

Company never fills the hand sanitizer stations in building

Some of the auto hand sanitizing stations were not refilled for weeks. The COVID website has a lot of great info but there is so much it is hard to find.

5a. Further comments on any other specific issues you've experienced regarding COVID-19 protocols and compliance

The only facemask issue I have observed is facemasks that are too loose and gaping around the nose. I appreciate that K-State and the CDC specify a "snug-fitting" mask and I have specified this in my syllabi. I am now starting to mention this expectation to students who have big gaps of their facemask around their nose. They have been politely willing to make minor correction.

None

Certain staff members are getting lax with compliance. In labs and breakrooms I see/hear people who believe we shouldn't have to be wearing masks anymore. And I understand that COVID rates are falling, but we can't act like the pandemic isn't still happening. We're hopefully close to the end with the vaccines coming out, but we shouldn't jump the gun on this.

My movement across campus is quite limited.

When department leadership has a negative attitude towards complying with University policy on COVID-19 protocols there is no clear option for dealing with the issue that isn't likely to create a retaliation situation. Maybe department/unit heads need reminders from upper administration of their responsibilities and influence on this topic.

none

Improper masks being worn (bandanas)

Non-compliance in individual public study rooms, signage confusing in that there is so much, ran out of spray and often not refilled for a few days.

Not many people wear the face mask correctly but it has served its purpose. Maybe we can train people to comply more over the next year or two.

It is difficult for two persons to view a computer screen and maintain 6 foot distance. It CAN be necessary for two persons to look at a screen together in order to work toward a goal because of hearing or visual limitations, for example. Note, neither person saw the lack of 6 foot distance to be a critical issue.. both were wearing masks. Communicating in person is often critical to communicating well and simply cannot be done virtually.

My building still does not have a water fountain. It was awful having to leave our building just to refill water bottles during the cold spell.

It's time to bring classrooms up to full capacity and go completely back to normal as a university and society. The numbers no longer reflect an immediate danger to anyone. We can't bubble wrap society for every person who is in a state of complete fear. Reopen society as a whole and let people make their own decisions about personal health and safety.